

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 3-4, and 9 are rejected for the reasons discussed below. Claims 2 and 10-12 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the features of canceled Claim 10, thereby placing Claim 1 in form for allowance.

Claims 5-8 and 13-20 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this acknowledgement of patentable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments, which are believed to place the application in form for allowance, and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections in view of the amendments and in light of the following discussion.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-4, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lundh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,373,834 ("Lundh"), further in view of Ahmavaara et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0013105 ("Ahmavaara"). Applicant respectfully disagrees, and submits that Lundh and Ahmavaara, alone or in any combination, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, Applicant believes the rejection is moot in light of the present amendment.

In particular, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the features of canceled Claim 10, which was indicated as allowable. Therefore, Applicant believes Claim 1 is in form for allowance. Furthermore, Claims 3-4 and 9 depend from Claim 1, and are thus also believed to be in allowable form. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1, 3-4 and 9.

Objections

Claims 2 and 10-12 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but indicated as otherwise allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this

acknowledgement of allowable subject matter. As noted above, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the features of Claim 10. Applicant has also amended Claim 11 merely to maintain proper claim dependencies.

Claims 2, 11, and 12 depend from amended Claim 1, and are thus believed to be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 2, 11, and 12.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is therefore requested. If action other than allowance is contemplated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's attorney, Justin Liu, at 408-879-4641.

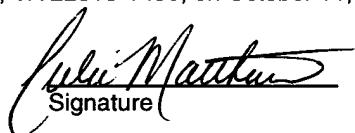
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